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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claim amendments are presented herein to obviate the current rejection.

35 USC § 103

Claims 1-4 and 6-23 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over McDysan in view of Moiin.

Claims 5 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over McDysan in view of Moiin and Ullman. Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over McDysan in view of Moiin and Ahmed. These rejections are respectfully traversed, and are obviated by the attached showing by Applicant, Atul N. Hatalkar. This showing establishes the possession of the claimed subject matter prior to the filing date of McDysan. The declaration by Applicant and the attached Exhibit 1 provide a prima facie showing that, the subject matter in claims 1-26 was conceived prior to November 28, 2000, the earliest priority date of McDysan.

After conception, and prior to November 28, 2000,

Applicants worked diligently with patent attorneys who were

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application that described the conceived invention. After this diligent preparation work, the above-referenced application was filed on December 28, 2000.

Based on the above, we respectfully submit that McDysan is no longer an effective reference under 35 USC 103(a). Therefore, the rejections based on McDysan should be withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-26 under consideration are patentable and are now in full condition for allowance.

Concluding Comments

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

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claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. 'Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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